

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Washington

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subj: TIME MAGAZINE - Edwin REED article entitled, "Russia's Military: on the Defensive" in 3 November 1958 issue of (U)

Ref: (a) Dir., Central Intelligence memo USIB-B-9.2/5 of 30 Jan 1959

1. Pursuant to the request contained in reference (a), an investigation has been conducted within the Department of the Navy in an attempt to identify the source of the classified data appearing in the subject article. While this investigation was not successful in identifying the source, certain assertions, which may be pertinent or of interest to you, were developed. These assertions were to the effect that, at the 1958 sessions of the Geneva Conference on Cessation of Nuclear Weapons Tests, some members of the U. S. delegation divulged more information on U. S. detection techniques than was necessary. According to the sources this occurred as a result of shrewd questioning and tactics on the part of Soviet representatives, and the desire on the part of the U. S. representatives to gain Soviet cooperation. The truth of these assertions could not be confirmed within the Department of Defense. The only formal Conference material within the Department of Defense is maintained in the Office of the Assistant for the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy), the Honorable H. B. Loper. Inasmuch as reference (a) was also addressed to the Department of Defense, the Navy Department investigation did not include reference to that Conference material.

/s/

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